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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
Namon A. Nassef	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/603,336	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: June 26, 2003	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 230339	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 3, 2006.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

37 CFR § 41.41(a)(1) requires that Appellant file a reply brief to an examiner's answer within two months from the date of the examiner's answer. The date of the examiner's answer was December 20, 2005. 37 CFR 41.41(c) also states that extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (a) of this title for patent applications are not applicable. Extensions of time as set forth 37 CFR § 1.136 (b) to reply for patent applications. No request for extension of time has been filed or granted under 37 CFR 1.136(b). Since less than thirty (30) days remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file the reply brief or request on oral hearing, the request for withdrawal as an attorney or agent cannot be approved.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

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